

**Malika Abdul-Basir - A Letter to My Representatives**

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Dear Michigan Representatives,

I am a Michigan native writing you from the city of Chicago, IL; a change in location I felt was necessary for continued success in the independent film industry. For the past several years I have been closely involved in independent projects large and small, but all seeking the benefit of a lucrative tax incentive.

I must say that it pains me to see Michigan's success in the film circuit dissolve with the latest legislature passed since the birth of the 2008 40%-42% incentive. I cannot express the disappointment I have shared with so many Michigan bound projects that I myself have informed about the changes to the incentive that has brought so many film endeavors and jobs to Michigan in the past.

From growing up in Metro Detroit to earning a degree from Michigan State University; my roots will remain always with our great state. It is a dream of mine to bring both my career and connections back to Michigan, where our booming film industry will hopefully resume in the years to come with your help. However, until there has been adjustments made to accommodate the independent realm, my projects and the jobs I help create reluctantly remain out of state.

I thank you for your time and consideration in reading this letter.

Kind Regards,

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